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DEVLIN AND I DISCUSSED KIDNAP SITUATION AND HOW TO PLAY HIS ANTICIPATED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU FOR OVER AN HOUR MAY 30. HE IS ARMED WITH SHORT PAPERS FROM ME ON WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE KEY POINTS AND I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT HOW TO PLAY HAND WAS ENTIRELY UP TO HIM. FORTUNATELY, HE KNOWS MOBUTU BETTER THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN AND IS COMPLETELY TRUSTWORTHY. HE ANTICIPATES CONFORMATION FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS MOMENTARILY AND SINCE THERE ARE TWO OTHER SUBJECTS ON PRESIDENT'S AND HIS AGENDA, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE HE WILL BE OFF EARLY MAY 31. HE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN. SO FOR NOW WE SIT TIGHT WITH OUR FINGERS CROSSED.

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